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1. WE HAVE BEEN REQUESTED BY AUSTRALIAN MTN DEL TO DEFER BILATERAL TALKS ON MEAT AND DAIRY PRODUCT REQUESTS UNTIL THE WEEK OF JUNE 27-30. MAX MOORE-WILTON, FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY, COMMODITIES DIVISION, MINISTRY OF TRADE AND RESOURCES, WILL BE IN GENEVA DURING THAT PERIOD AND WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE TALKS. AUSTRALIAN DEL REFERRED TO THIS AS POSTPONEMENT ALTHOUGH STARKEY, AT MEETING WITH AUSTRALIANS ON MAY 30, STATED THAT U.S. WOULD NOT BE READY TO DISCUSS "HYPOTHETICAL MECHANISMS" FOR MEETING AUSTRALIAN REQUESTS ON MEAT AND DAIRY PRODUCTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR AROUND THREE WEEKS.

2. AUSTRALIAN DEL ALSO TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND MTN DEL THAT STARKEY HAD PROMISED WRITTEN COMMENTS ON AUSTRALIAN DRAFT PRINCIPLES ON PRIMARY PRODUCT EXPORT SUBSIDIES DURING SESSION MAY 30. MTN DEL WAS TOLD BY STARKEY BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE THAT SUCH WRITTEN COMMENTS

WOULD BE PREPARED BY STR, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE US/EC DISCUSSIONS OF MAY 30-31, AND FORWARDED TO MTN DEL FOR SUBMISSION TO AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION.

- 3. WE LEARNED MONDAY THAT AMBASSADOR FOGARTY HAS HAD TO TAKE A TWO TO FOUR WEEK MEDICAL LEAVE-OF-ABSENCE FOR WHAT HIS OWN DELEGATION HAS REFERRED TO AS "NERVOUS EXHAUSTION." COLIN TEESE, FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY, INTERNATIONAL TRADE POLICY DIVISION, MINISTRY OF TRADE AND RESOURCES, WILL ARRIVE IN GENEVA NEXT WEEK TO STAND IN FOR FOGARTY UNTIL THE AMBASSADOR'S RETURN. END FYI.
- 4. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) CONFIRMATION THAT WASHINGTON CAN BE READY FOR BILATERALS ON AUSTRALIAN MEAT AND DAIRY PRODUCT REQUESTS FOR WEEK OF JUNE 27; AND (B) STATUS REPORT ON PREPARATION OF WASHINGTON COMMENTS ON AUSTRALIAN EXPORT SUBSIDIES PAPER.
- 5. DRAFTED BY MARSH. MCDONALD

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